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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the utility patent application of Mark W. Arends for the invention entitled *Starting Block With Connected Pedals*. The following papers are enclosed:

- (1) Fee Transmittal Sheet;
- (2) Application Data Sheet;
- (3) Utility Patent Specification;
- (4) Six sheets of formal drawings;
- (5) Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- (6) Information Disclosure Statement and copies of references;
- (7) Nonpublication Request;
- (8) Check in the amount of \$385.00; and
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 Title: Starting Block With Connected Pedals ) Art Unit  
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FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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Basic Utility Patent Application Filing Fee.....	\$ 385	\$ <u>385</u>
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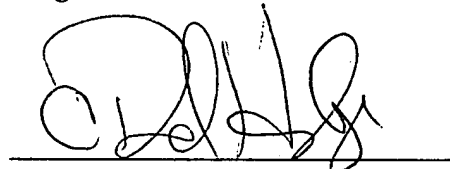
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**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.213**

I, C. David Hodge President of Gill Athletics, Inc., the assignee of the above-identified application, hereby request that the application not be published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b). I certify that the invention disclosed in the application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

Dated this 15<sup>TH</sup> day of January, 2004.

  
C. David Hodge